



First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the state Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – April 6, 2015

FirstNet News

- The User Advocacy Team held the Stakeholder Quarterly Webinar Thursday, April 2, which included state and territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs), Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) members and PSAC Tribal Working Group (TWG) members. The webinar focused on a roadmap update, the Second Notice and a CTO update. Participants included teams from at least 40 states, a dozen PSAC members and five members of the PSAC TWG. The [presentation materials](#) from the meeting are posted on the Resources page. A [blog about the webinar discussion](#) can also be found on our website.
- We are finalizing the agenda for the upcoming 2015 SPOC Meeting in Reston, Virginia April 14-15. To date, 129 participants from 53 states and territories and seven members of the Tribal Working Group have confirmed their attendance for the meeting. The meeting format has been designed to allow for significant discussion. The final agenda and logistical information for the meeting will be distributed to attendees later this week.
- FirstNet posted five regional consultation and outreach positions on [FirstNet.USAJobs.Gov](#) last week – Regions 1, 3, 6, 7 and 8, in addition to several other positions. April 6 marks Steve Noel's first day as the Region 10 Outreach & Consultation Lead. As the former Oregon SPOC/Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC), we are excited to have him officially on board. Steve brings a wealth of experience in public safety communications interoperability and project planning with him.
- The consultation team conducted the initial consultation meeting with the state of South Dakota on April 1 with more than 55 public safety stakeholders in attendance. Following the consultation meeting, FirstNet staff met with South Dakota

law enforcement officials to further extend outreach and address questions. FirstNet staff also met on the Pine Ridge Reservation with the attorney general of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and its public safety leadership at the newly constructed Pine Ridge Justice Center Complex on Thursday, April 2. We have now held 19 consultation meetings. This week, we'll be in Missouri on April 7 for their initial consultation meeting. An updated schedule of consultation meetings planned for 2015 can be viewed at this website link:

- [FirstNet State Consultation Meetings](#). To date, FirstNet has received 50 of 56 completed consultation checklists. Confirmed upcoming initial consultation meetings are: Missouri (4/7), New York (4/20), North Carolina (4/23), South Carolina (4/30), West Virginia (5/5), Arkansas (5/14), Louisiana (5/15), Virgin Islands (5/19), Maine (5/20), Idaho (5/21), New Hampshire (6/9), New Mexico (6/10), Ohio (6/11), Vermont (6/16), Kansas (6/17), Wisconsin (6/18), California (6/23-25), Illinois (7/14), Alabama (7/15), Georgia (7/21), Tennessee (7/23), Pennsylvania (8/4), Hawaii (8/11-12), American Samoa (8/13-14), Indiana (8/26), and New Jersey (9/3).
- This week FirstNet will be participating in the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Webinar. Additionally, FirstNet will participate in multiple sessions at the APCO International Western Regional Conference in Sacramento, California April 8-9.

From the States and PSAC Associations

- On April 7-8, FirstNet staff will be in Boulder, Colorado participating in two meetings: the PSAC Public Safety Grade Task Team and the PSAC Priority & Preemption Task Team.

From the Tribal Desk

- FirstNet attended a tri-state gathering of tribes hosted by the United States Department of Justice and the University of South Dakota in Rapid City to discuss the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) on Tuesday, March 31st. Numerous conversations arose with federal, tribal, and nonprofit organizations about the implications of FirstNet associated with data sharing and enforcement.

Media Watch

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Traditional Media

There was significant media coverage this week with respect to the suspension of the LA-RICS BTOP project. FirstNet has been coordinating with NTIA on messaging, including media outreach. In addition, the FirstNet Communications team has been working to educate media outlets that do not traditionally cover FirstNet about our role in the Early Builders. This has led to some media outlets updating their stories to be more accurate.

Los Angeles officials halt public-safety LTE network, potentially clouding FirstNet's progress

http://www.fiercewireless.com/tech/story/los-angeles-officials-halt-public-safety-lte-network-clouding-firstnets-pro/2015-04-02?utm_medium=rss&utm_source=rss&utm_campaign=rss

The Los Angeles City Council voted to halt the construction of a massive 700 MHz LTE network that was intended to cover 4,000 square miles and 34,000 law enforcement, fire service and health service workers. The action casts a cloud over FirstNet, which is charged with building a nationwide LTE network for police, firefighters and other emergency responders.

LA-RICS public-safety LTE project in peril after LA City Council votes to stop construction

<http://urgentcomm.com/public-safety-broadbandfirstnet/la-rics-public-safety-lte-project-peril-after-la-city-council-votes->

Los Angeles City Council members yesterday unanimously voted to halt construction of Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) public-safety LTE cell sites in the city—a move that could undermine the largest first-responder broadband project in the country, according to several sources.

Web and Social Media

Social media engagement about FirstNet addressed consultation, LA-RICS, as well as local outreach efforts in the states and territories. The FirstNet Twitter account has grown to over 1,976 followers; LinkedIn 632; Google+ 33; and YouTube has 97 subscribers.